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Dear Mr. Carlson:

Aha Macav Power Service (AMPS) on behalf of the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe (FMIT) submits the following comments on the Western Area Power Administration (Western) proposal to extend the contracts of the existing Parker-Davis Project firm power customers. 67 Fed.Reg. 51580, *et seq.* (August 8, 2002).

The Fort Mojave Indian Reservation is heavily dependent on its Parker-Davis power allocation. Without that allocation, our Tribal members and non-Indian residents would suffer an enormous rate increase to pay for the expensive replacement Thermal energy that AMPS would have to purchase. This would be an extreme burden for the Indian and non-Indian of this growing reservation to bear.

FMIT and its electric utility, AMPS support a 20-year extension of Parker-Davis firm electric service contracts that your Federal Register notice proposes.

We understand that your regulations call for designating a pool of power of "modest" amount as a reserve pool. New contractors will have to reimburse existing contractors for unpaid advances but losing a portion of our resource, even 6%, will materially increase our costs. We would hope you would consider the small size of the resource and consider the possibility that a smaller reserve pool in this instance is justified.

In any event, we urge you to move quickly to complete this process and extend existing contracts. We need that stability in our resource planning in order to attempt to keep costs as low as possible to our consumers.

Respectfully,

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